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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Mr. Cunningham's proposals are now under the consideration of the Government. They are not prepared to disclose the details at this stage.

(*c*) The previous sanction of the Secretary of State in Council is necessary to the increase of the cadre of an all-India Service whether permanent or temporary.

(*d*) Additions to the cadre should be accompanied by a corresponding increase in the number of 'listed' posts, until the prescribed number of listed posts (viz., 20 per cent of the superior posts) is reached.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" In the second sentence of the answer to (*a*) and (*b*) it is stated 'The Government are not prepared to disclose the details at this stage.' May I know the reasons why Government are not prepared to answer specific questions as to whether Mr. Cunningham's proposals included or provided for the creation of any Imperial Officers' posts ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is still in the confidential stage and is being considered by Government. We have not yet come to any conclusion and after we come to any conclusion it would be possible for us to disclose it.'

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the hon. the Home Member will give an opportunity to this House before passing final orders, as it may involve a lot of money, to give its views on the matter ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The scheme will be placed before the Finance Committee and will ultimately come before the Legislative Council."

Proposed creation of the post of a Deputy Traffic Commissioner for Madras City.

* 760-B Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to create a Deputy Traffic Commissioner for the City of Madras ; if so, by whom the proposal has been made and whether a copy of the proposal will be placed on the table ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to compare the statistics of motor vehicles, taxis, buses and other vehicles ; motor and hackney licences ; motor and other accidents in the cities of Calcutta, Bombay, Rangoon and Colombo with that of Madras ; if so, whether a copy of statistics will be placed on the table ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that only a Deputy Superintendent is employed to be in charge of traffic in other cities ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are now considering certain proposals of the Commissioner of Police for the reorganization of the Madras City Police. They are therefore unable to answer the questions at this stage.

(*c*) The Government believe that an officer of the Indian Police Service of the rank of Superintendent of Police is in charge of Motor Vehicles Department in Rangoon. As regards other cities they have no information.

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Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" In answer to clauses (a) and (b) it is stated that the Government are unable to answer the questions at this stage. May I know when they will be able to answer the questions and at what stage ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" After we come to a conclusion."

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu :—" May I know, Sir, when will that be ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I cannot say, Sir."

Reorganization of the Madras City Police.

* 760-C Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have passed orders on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Police, Madras, on the reorganization of the City Police ;

(b) if not, when they propose to do so ;

(c) whether the Commissioner of Police has ever inquired into the question whether the Indian members of the police force in Madras of all ranks are paid a living wage ;

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to call upon him to make such an enquiry with a view to submit proposals for raising their salaries to correspond to a living wage ; and

(e) if not, why not ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The proposals are under the consideration of the Government.

(c) The Government have no information as to inquiries of the Commissioner of Police on this point.

(d) & (e) The Government see no reason to suppose that the Commissioner is not capable of taking the initiative in the matter if necessary. At present, the Government see no reason to suppose that the Indian members of the force are, generally speaking, underpaid.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With reference to clause (c) of my question, may I know whether, since the receipt of my question by Government, the Government took any steps to ascertain whether the Commissioner of Police has enquired whether the Indian members of the Police force are paid a living wage ; if not, why not ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I have not heard the hon. Member, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" The question is whether the Commissioner of Police ever enquired into the question whether the Indian members of the Police force in Madras are paid a living wage. The answer given is 'The Government have no information as to enquiries of the Commissioner of Police on this point.' I am asking whether, since the receipt of the question by Government, any steps were taken by the Government to find out if the Commissioner of Police has made any enquiry on the lines suggested ? "